



# COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 Information from the SA Health GP Liaison

14 September 2020

Good morning everyone. No active cases of COVID-19 currently in SA. Check out the [dashboard](#) for further details. Thank you for your ongoing support and care to your patients. Any issues, email me at [Health.COVID-19GPLiaison@sa.gov.au](mailto:Health.COVID-19GPLiaison@sa.gov.au)

## **Exemptions**

SA Health exemptions can be applied for online [here](#). Exemption FAQs, which detail common examples of where an exemption may or may not be given for cross border travel can be found [here](#).

## **New cases consistent with old infections**

There have been a couple of cases in the past week here in SA of old COVID-19 infections being picked up on PCR testing. It is not uncommon for people with an old infection to return both positive and negative results on subsequent tests as the virus continues to shed. In some cases, these old cases will be added to SA's total case count, as this may be the first time that the infection is laboratory confirmed.

## **Drive through COVID-19 testing at Para Hills West**

As part of reviewing COVID-19 test at Priority Care Centres, McIntyre Medical Centre, in conjunction with SA Pathology and SA Health have launched a drive through testing site at the McIntyre Medical Centre, 33 McIntyre Road, Para Hills West. The service operates on a strict 'appointment only' basis from 8.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday. To book an appointment please call 0409 419 804. See SA Pathology media release [here](#).

## **Drive through COVID-19 testing at Angaston**

A new drive-through COVID-19 testing location has opened at Angaston Hospital to provide easier access to testing for those in the local community. Open from 9.00am to 5.00pm, 7 days a week. All ages welcome and no booking or GP referral required. This facility is for cars and motorbikes only (no walk-ins or cyclists).

## **Testing at Tailem Bend**

SA Pathology's mobile collection service at Tailem Bend is expanding its operations to provide COVID-19 testing for interstate truck drivers, walk-ins and interstate travellers requiring swabs. New location - Caltex Tailem Bend Roadhouse 8786 Princes Hwy, Tailem Bend SA 5260. Midnight to 4.00pm, 7 days a week. No booking or GP required to access this service.

### **Clinpath General Pathology Conference**

19 September 2020, 8.15am - 5pm

A pathology update, which will include COVID-19 implications for aged care and talks from leading pathologists in SA. The conference is complimentary.

Further info [here](#) and registration [form](#).

- RACGP 40 CPD points approved
- ACRRM approved for 10 points (8 educational Activity + 2 Performance Review)

Please contact Charlie Robinson at [crobinson@clinpath.com.au](mailto:crobinson@clinpath.com.au) with any questions or for further information.

### **PPE - Masks**

The commonwealth have [updated their advice](#) on face masks and respirators. There have been a few questions coming through regarding PFRs – Particulate Filter Respirators vs N95 vs D95 vs P2.

The commonwealth defines this well in the document:

Particulate filter respirators PFRs, also known as filtering facepiece respirators or disposable respirators, are a component of airborne precautions and are comprised of multiple layers which filter particles through mechanical impaction and electrostatic capture. PFRs are designed to provide a good facial fit to minimise aerosol contamination of the mucous membranes of the nose and mouth. Around the world, the following performance standards apply:

- P2 (Australia/New Zealand AS/NZA 1716:2012)
- N95 (United States NIOSH-42CFR84)
- FFP2 (Europe EN 149-2001)
- KN95 (China GB2626-2006)
- Korea 1st class (Korea KMOEL - 2017-64)
- DS2 (Japan JMHLW-Notification 214, 2018)

### **RACGP Webinar - Keeping your practice COVID-safe**

The recording from last week's webinar on keeping your GP practice COVID-safe is available [here](#). Thank you to the RACGP and SA Health for hosting this webinar for GPs, nurses and practice staff.

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